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**Abstract**

A method and arrangement are presented for reducing the volume or rate of an encoded digital video bitstream that fulfils a certain set of predefined structural rules. The encoded digital video bitstream is partly decoded (704), thus producing a partly decoded digital video bitstream. The amount of bits in the partly decoded digital video bitstream is reduced (705) and the partly decoded digital video bitstream in which the amount of bits is reduced is re-encoded (706). Thus, a re-encoded digital video bitstream is produced, the volume or rate of which is smaller than that of the encoded digital video bitstream, that fulfils the certain set of predefined structural rules.

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